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SUBJECT: 93RD EXECUTIVE BOARD -- ITEM 5.1 (FINANCIAL
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1. PERMREP REQUESTED DRAW ON FOLLOWING AS BASIS FOR GENEVA GROUP (GG) DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM ON SEPTEMBER 7.

2. THE U. S. WILL IN THE FIRST INSTANCE PROCEED FROM THE BASIC FIGURE THAT IT PROPOSED IN 1972 FOR THE 1973-1974 BUDGET, I.E. $105 MILLION. TO THIS WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER ADD-ONS FOR INFLATION AND DOLLAR DEVALUATION, BUT UNABLE GIVE PRECISE FIGURE UNTIL OTHER FACTORS HAVE BEEN EXAMINED, PARTICULARLY AMOUNT OF RECOSTING THAT SHOULD BE ABSORBED BY ORGANIZATION. OUR TENTATIVE THINKING IS THAT ADD-ON FOR THESE TWO FACTORS MIGHT AMOUNT TO NO MORE THAN $24 MILLION, ASSUMING SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS CAN BE MADE IN CONSOLIDATING PROGRAM.
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3. TO THIS, WE WOULD BE WILLING CONSIDER ADDITIONAL ADD-ONS, INCLUDING SUCH ELEMENTS AS SOME PROGRAMS DEFERRED FROM 1973-1974 BIENNIUM, $450,000 IN CAPITAL EXPENDITURE INCREASE, AND BUDGET ADD-ON IF BORROWING AUTHORITY GRANTED TO DG.

4. WE ARE ALSO PREPARED CONSIDER INCREASE IN APPROPRIATION RESERVE TO TOTAL RESERVE OF ABOUT $7 MILLION, THUS PRODUCING TOTAL 1975-1976 REQUIREMENT OF APPROXIMATELY $142 MILLION AS OPPOSED $120 MILLION IN 1973-1974, AND PROBABLE DG REQUEST FOR AT LEAST $157 MILLION IN 1975-1976 AND MORE IF BORROWING AUTHORITY GRANTED. PERMREP SHOULD INFORM GG, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE NOT HAPPY WITH INCREASE IN APPROPRIATION RESERVE, AND WE WOULD PREFER HOLD THE LINE AT OR NEAR PRESENT FIGURE IF POSSIBLE.

5. HOWEVER, MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT REPORT CLEARLY INDICATES LACK OF SOUND BASIS FOR COSTING OF PROGRAMS IN UNESCO WHICH IN TURN RAISES SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT ORIGINAL COSTING OF 1973-1974 BUDGET AND SUBSEQUENT RECOSTING THEREOF. GG MIGHT THEREFORE CONSIDER RESOLUTION CALLING UPON DG TO RECOST HIS 1972-1974 BUDGET BEFORE ACCEPTING HIS FORECASTED RECOSTING REQUIREMENT. SO FAR AS PROGRAM GROWTH CONCERNED, THIS SHOULD BE QUALITATIVE WITHIN EXISTING PROGRAM RATHER THAN QUANTITATIVE.

6. WE ARE ALSO PREPARED CONSIDER INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL FUND FROM $4 MILLION TO $5 MILLION.

7. WHILE ABOVE CAN BE DISCUSSED WITH GG, GROUP SHOULD BE TOLD THAT U. S. AT 93RD BOARD WILL NOT SUGGEST DEFINITE FIGURE OR POSSIBLE PERCENTAGE INCREASE THAT IT WILLING TO SUPPORT FOR 1975-1976. OUR VIEWS ARE THAT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS POINT IN TIME BECAUSE OF: A) IMPLICATIONS OF MANAGEMENT REPORT, B) POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES STUDY, C) NEED TO DELVE FURTHER INTO RECOSTING PROBLEM, AND D) UNKNOWN ACTION CONCERNING 1973-1974 DEFICIT.

8. ANY GG MEMBER INDIVIDUAL VIEWS ON DOCUMENT 93 EX/5
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PRIOR GG MEETING WOULD BE HELPFUL. ROGERS

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